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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



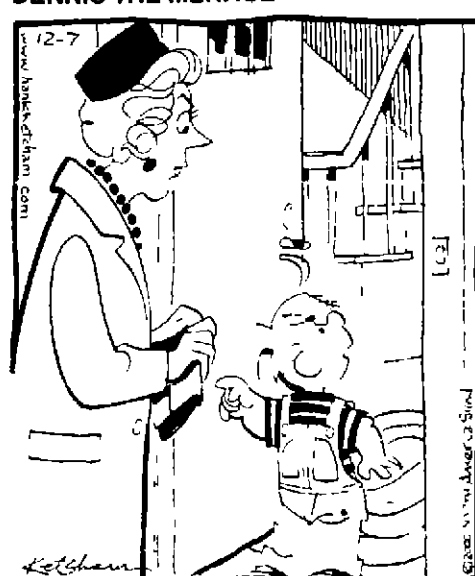
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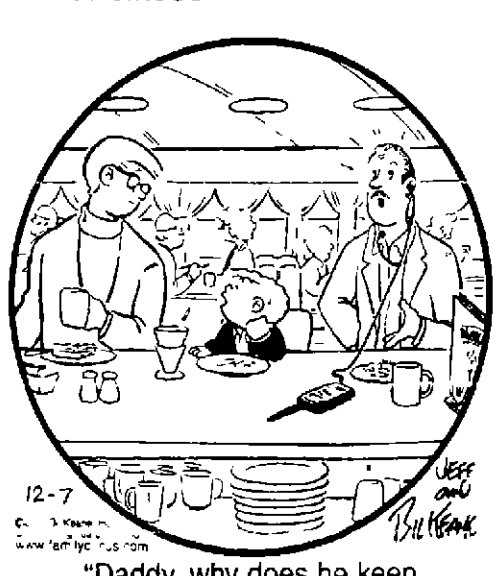
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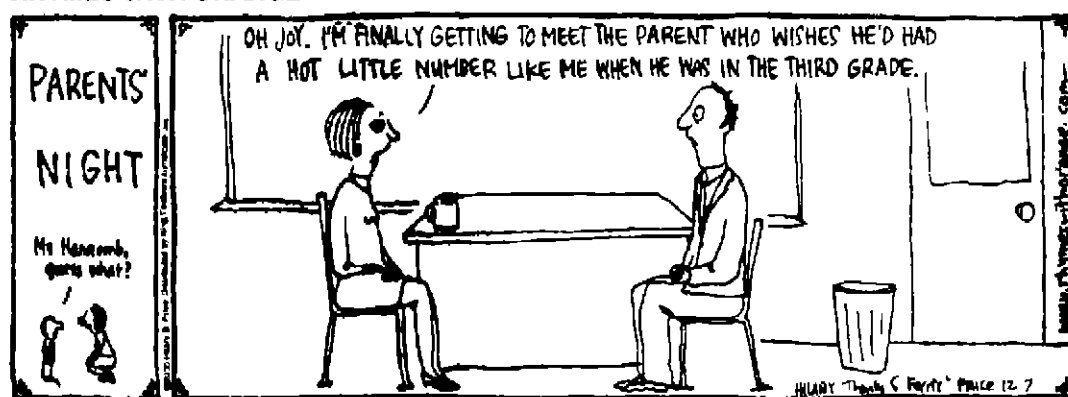
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE!

For Friday, Dec. 8, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Persistence might be your best strategy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If people in your life seem to get in your way, make sure you're only inconvenienced, not hampered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a great time to try something new or to breathe new life into a project that needs it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're inspired to act more like a leader and less like part of the group.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Nothing is as black and white as it appears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) This is a wonderful time to indulge in life's simple pleasures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If everyone around you appears to be losing their balance, make sure you keep yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Although you might be in the right, watch that you don't appear as a sore winner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The little things matter, but also try to see the big picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your workaholic ways might be wearing you down, so make room for some rest and relaxation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you have some spare time, use it to recall some of the good times in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If things going on around you are confusing, don't let that hold you back.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

CRICKET FIELDING POSITIONS

L R P M N A M S T A B K N I F
 F D B Y W U S E Q O M A K I F
 F R D B T Z K U X W M U S S O
 Q O E N N C L M J D H Q F S D
 D C A V I Y W P R V U T G P I
 S Q P W O N L I K A I H E I M
 F E D C P C H R R B G U L L Y
 W I C K E T K E E P E R G S L
 M Z Y W R E L W O B V U N S L
 P I L S G E L T R O H S O R I
 Q P N M G N O D I M Y L L I S

Wednesday's unlisted clue: CLAUSTRO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue: THE PLAYER AT BAT

Bowler	Long leg	Silly mid-off	Third man
Cover	Mid-wicket	Silly mid-on	Umpire
Gully	Point	Slope	Wicket keeper
Leg slip	Short leg	Square leg	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- Like most movies
 - Facts
 - Radio broadcast Abbr.
 - Key of Mozart's "Odense" Symphony
 - Kind of cuisine
 - Jerk around
 - A wonder of nature!
 - Go gray
 - Half of a one-two
 - Old English silver coins
 - A freak of the animal kingdom!
 - "How _____"
 - Unlaid lawn
 - Laid up
 - Sets down
 - Turkish title
 - Pants leg feature
 - National Gallery architect
 - A living marvel!
 - A mutant from beyond your imagination!
 - "Public house"
 - Folded food
 - Singer Bickell
 - Alan of "Catch-22"
 - Served, as time
 - Turn right
 - Old PC platform
 - A beast like you've never seen before!
 - Sidburned film critic
 - Alternative to a singletuck
 - U.S.N. letters
 - A grotesque from a horror show!
 - Domitory annoyance
 - Web with limited access
 - Georgia's Shevardnadze
 - One end of a match Abbr.
 - Half-awake
 - How you might hold a vicious animal
- DOWN**
- Indian chief
 - Buddy
 - A strange and exotic creature!
 - High school subj.
 - Dressed (up)
 - Chicly
 - Tokyo stage show
 - Fire, to Fernando
 - Depleted a bank account, and then some
 - "The Four Seasons" star
 - Basic thread
 - Seeks change?
 - Sailing danger
 - Lyric poem part
 - Was coquettish
 - Rise dramatically
 - Donned, as oxtords
 - A monster that will chill your blood!

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MORAL YAS MOERS
 ALONE CAB OPRAH
 RIOTS CAT LANGE
 COMESITSTAYHEEL
 DOC HOWE
 YEP NOT SEABASS
 ELAN NOM NADIA
 ATTABOYGOODGIRL
 TOTIE SOB SEES
 SNIFFER POT USA
 RYES EDS
 OBEDIENCESCHOOL
 ALLIE ERR AERIE
 ROSIN GIG REELS
 STAIOD EMO DROSS

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Today's deal was played in last year's World Team Olympiad between the U.S. Senior Team and the French Seniors.

When it was first played, my partner, Dan Morse of Houston, made his spade game after West led the heart ace and followed quickly with his ace and queen of clubs. Dummy's king won, and after trumps were drawn, the diamond suit was friendly.

South's club loser went on a high diamond, and game was scored. West defeated the game if he leads his club queen at trick two. This keeps defensive communications alive, and South would lose two clubs, a heart and a diamond. In the replay, the French had another chance. The U.S. West led a cagey diamond eight, looking like a man in search of a ruff.

Fearing a singleton, South won dummy's ace, and he could no longer recover. "It was my diamond nine that did us in." South lamented. Against a singleton eight, South planned to win dummy's ace and cash the king and ace of trumps, hoping to find a 2-2 split. Then a low diamond from dummy would have forced one of East's presumed honors. Later, with a club and a trump entry to dummy, South would take a ruffing finesse in diamonds and throw his losing club on the high diamond.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Jane Donn, Bruce Rubin; second, Ron Dewey, Josh Donn. Monday afternoon Intermediate/Novice Game, 1 NS, Sydney Moyes, Vera Lavalle, 2 NS, Al Roussin, Trudy Roussin; 1 EW, Mary Kelsey, Toni Rodmer, 2 EW, Janet Gillen, Nancy Godbold, Monday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Cliff Donn, second, Carmen Chavez, Howard Chng. Tuesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Mary Anne Barrington, second, Joan Zallnick, Tony Zallnick, Wednesday evening, first, Bill Burnett, Rick Olanoff, second, Murray Hall, Sharlene Kostichka, Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Walter Dodge, Sarah Fiorito, 2 NS, Louis Bashaw, Pauline Filsinger, 1 EW, Sarah Myers, Janet Sinclair, 2 EW, Anne Halverson, Pete Halverson, Thursday evening, first, John Chappell, Cameron Ross; second, Jason Chappell, Cameron Ross.

Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Katherine Worthen, Clo Morris, 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Jim Durr, 1 EW, Sharon Paulus, Mary Ryan, 2 EW, Gerry & Gene Wurdinger.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Judith Butcher, Mary Ryan, 2 NS, Anne Garofalo, Joan Liddle, 1 EW, Gerry and Gene Wurdinger, 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Sharon Paulus.

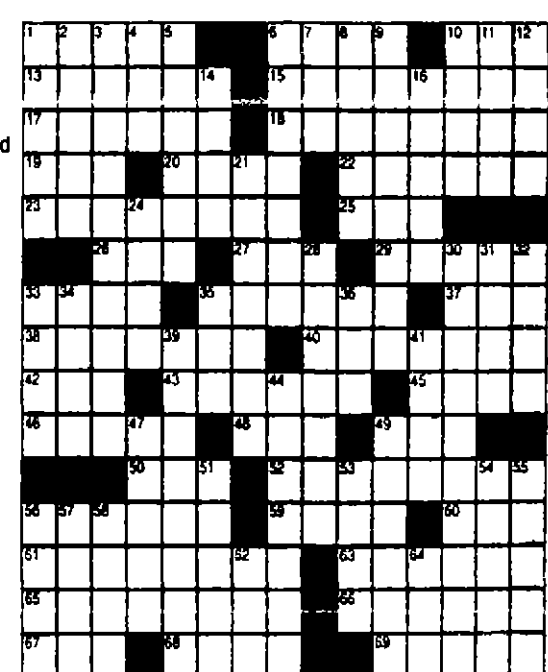
Radison Bridge Club: first, Mary Deuble, Jules Deuble, second, Mike Rich, Cameron Ross.

Stonewedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Natalie Johnston, Louise Staring, 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Anne Divers, 1 EW, Helen Kelly, Betty Pfeiffer; 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Jo Spooner.

Western Hills Duplicate Bridge Club: Thursday morning, 1 NS, Maggie Christie, Alyce Martin, 2 NS, Betty Pfeiffer, Dorothy Thurlow, 1 EW, Gerry Burns, Bernice Williams, 2 EW, Kaye Mason, Marge Shoudy.

BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Eli Wallach** is 85. Bluegrass singer **Bobby Osborne** is 69. Actress **Ellen Burstyn** is 68. ABC News anchorwoman **Carole Simpson** is 60. Baseball Hall-of-Famer **Johnny Bench** is 53. Country singer **Gary Morris** is 52. Singer-songwriter **Tom Waits** is 51. Actress **Priscilla Barnes** is 45. Basketball Hall-of-Famer **Larry Bird** is 44. "Tonight Show" announcer **Edd Hall** is 42. Rock musician **Tim Butler** (The Psychedelic Furs) is 42.



Puzzle by Patrick Barry

- Transcript preparer
- Adonis
- Viola's range
- Brain monitor Abbr.
- No longer an option

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